

## STRIKE MOVE FROWNED UPON BY JAPANESE

Organization and Committees Formed to Present Requests to Planters for Higher Wages

Disclaiming any connection with, or responsibility for the movement, leading Japanese met last night in the Japanese school on Nuuanu street and voted unanimously against assisting the plantation laborers in any attempt to go on strike, should their demands for higher wages be refused by the planters. They were in favor, however, of the higher wages.

Preparations are being made for a conference with the planters. A special committee of the Japanese will be appointed soon, and proper requests for higher wages will be thoroughly discussed before they are presented to the planters.

The society will be known by the name of "The Association on Higher Wage Question," as adopted last night at the meeting. The object of the association is to see that questions pertaining to the wages of laborers will be considered thoroughly and justly.

The association is not strictly a Japanese hui. It is open to all classes of laborers, regardless of nationality. This was the expression of those present at the meeting. It was said that if the association was for the sole benefit of the Japanese laborers only, then it would not have as much weight as it would otherwise. It is now expected that the Hawaiians, Filipinos, Chinese, Portuguese and other classes of laborers will be admitted into the hui.

Y. Murakami, editor of the Hawaii Choho, presiding, stated briefly that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the ways and means of securing higher wages for the laborers. Rev. G. Motokawa was unanimously elected chairman.

There was no definite proposal offered for discussion, it being considered best to leave the matter of preparing demands for higher wages to a special committee to be selected soon.

Before adjournment a special committee of five was elected. It will be its duty to appoint active committees, including investigation, conference, general and other committees.

**Special Committee**  
The members of the special committee are President Y. Takakawa of the Japanese Merchants' association, Manager S. Awaki of the Yokohama Specie bank, Dr. I. Katsuki, president of the Japanese Medical association, and others.

Representatives of the Japanese Merchants' association, religious society, medical association, newspapers, banks, tailors' union, contractors and builders' union, teachers union and others were present.

It was decided that the newspaper editors should not be appointed as officers and members of the committee. The press, however, is in hearty accord with the movement for higher wages. K. Shibayama, former newspaperman, was elected secretary of the association.

Among those present were Y. Takakawa, president of the Japanese Merchants' association; S. Awaki, manager of the Yokohama Specie bank; Rev. G. Motokawa, Editor Y. Soga of the Nippon Jiji, Editor Fred K. Makino of the Hawaii Choho, Editor M. Murakami of the Hawaii Choho, Editor M. Sogama of the Hawaii Shinpo, T. Onodera, secretary of the Japanese Merchants' association; K. Haga, K. Okazaki, president of the Japanese Tailors' Union; Dr. J. Uchida, Dr. I. Katsuki, president of the Japanese Medical society; Dr. T. Mitamura, Rev. K. Miyao, J. Arai, manager of Hamano store; K. Iida, manager of S. Ozaki store; S. Terasaki, H. Kishi, president of the Asahi store; T. Kikura, K. Irumi of the Yoto printing shop; M. Goto of the Japanese carpenters' Union; Y. Toyama of the Industrial Review of Hawaii; J. Katsurhama, principal of the Japanese Central Institute; M. Kawakatsu, manager of the Sumitomo bank; J. Watanabe, master of Japanese laws; S. Imafuji, Rev. S. Sasaki, I. Kaneko, manager of the Pacific bank; K. Shibayama, S. Masuda, principal of Kakaako Japanese school; T. Odo, proprietor of T. Odo store; K. Hamamura, M. Kawahara, G. Tashiro and others.

**AD CLUB WILL HEAR  
REPORTS ON CIVIC  
CONVENTION PLANS**  
"Civic Convention Day" at the Ad Club has been scheduled for tomorrow, at which time the various chairmen of committees will give their reports on the plans for the big convention.

The Ad Club vigilance committee is somewhat troubled over complaints from a lady who claims to have been cheated in buying a sata holoku, and said that the advertising of the holoku was false. The holoku will be on exhibition at the lunch and the members can judge for themselves whether the term of false fabrics is correct or not.

Reports will be received from Raymond C. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce; C. B. Gage of the Civic Convention committee; J. Ashman Beaven, J. J. Belser on Transportation; H. E. Vernon, Subjects for Consideration; L. W. de Vis Norton, Entertainment; Lester Petrie, City and County Supervisors; A. E. Larimer, Songs and Music, and Tom Sharp, the Ad Club Show. Special music will be furnished for the occasion.

Following the recovery of Louis L. Lane, who is now at the department hospital at Fort Shafter, an inquest on the body of F. C. Dennison, quartermaster's corps, U. S. A., who was killed in a motorcycle accident on August 16, will be held. It is probably to be scheduled for Thursday or Friday.

## BIG LINER HAS SEVERE BATTLE TO RIDE STORM

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ships and flooded the engine room, and from Gen on the ship floated helplessly.

While there was no panic which became beyond control by the ship's officers, the danger of the ship was realized by everyone and few there were among the passengers who did not admit that they feared the vessel would be sunk. Even to those who had never been to sea before, the uselessness of attempting to reach land in life boats in such a sea was apparent. It was this realization which kept the fear of the passengers from resulting in a stampede to the boats. Even after the storm had subsided we knew the danger was great with the engines out of commission, said one of the passengers. "We were frightened," one queried to another question. "There was none aboard who did not think the vessel was going down," he added.

"The waves broke with such frequency that it was impossible at times to determine if we were not already sinking, as the water was so deep upon the decks," another declared.

Reports of the storm and the gale through which the Makura had battled were gained from passengers in all the three classes carried on the ship. But no information could be gained from any member of the crew, even the stewards, answering the question as to what had delayed the ship, with the remark, "Oh, we had some bad weather."

That the reports of the passengers regarding the storm were not exaggerated was shown by the likeness of the stories told. All knew that they had passed through a terrific storm which had disabled the ship's engines and stove in the upper deck structures, but as to minute details they were not informed, for all were confined to their cabins or in the saloons and could see nothing of the storm's effect except from the ports.

The officers confined themselves to the statement that strikes had not affected the sailing of the Makura from Sydney, and that "bad weather" had delayed the ship for three days.

## OVERWORKED GIRLS QUIT HOTEL JOBS

Juvenile court officials, acting in cooperation with Mrs. I. Elgin, humane officer, have caused the removal of two Spanish girls, 16 and 17 years old, respectively, from the employment of the Roselawn, a boarding establishment in King street. The youth of the girls and the long hours they were compelled to be on duty in various occupations caused the investigation by the court and humane officer.

Mrs. Elgin said today that a complaint from reliable sources reached her about two weeks ago to the effect that the young girls were being overworked. She immediately took the matter up with the juvenile court officials and the proprietor of the Roselawn, she says, was summoned into court to relate her side of the story. The decision to suggest to the girls that they leave the employ of the Roselawn was reached, says Mrs. Elgin, after the girls' stories had been heard. Their stories, she asserts, corroborated the information that "first came to her regarding the case. According to the information she obtained, she says, the girls went on duty at 5:30 o'clock in the morning and did not finish their work until sometimes as late as 8:30 o'clock at night. Mrs. Elgin adds that the girls left the Roselawn at the suggestion of herself and the juvenile court. Both girls now have positions elsewhere, and Mrs. Elgin said today that she is keeping a motherly eye on them.

## ROSS HERE FOR SWIMMING MEET

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penses of the big swimmer were paid by the Olympic Club and not by the local association. It is known that Rawlins and Ross are not the best of friends, but the big swimmer is the biggest card that could be brought here, and inasmuch as Honolulu has to pay the bills for the swimmer, there has been much talk that personalities should not interfere with the successful staging of a big meet. The Hui Nalus will hold their election this evening, and it is expected that there will be a big discussion on the subject of Ross. There appears to be a "colored gentleman in the fuel supply" as two swimmers who are hardly known out of their own sections were invited to compete, while Ross was neglected, according to a statement made this morning. Harold Castle is considered to be the favorite for the office of president of the Hui Nalus this evening, although it is expected that W. T. Rawlins will also seek reelection.

### HARBOR NOTES

The Mauna Kea came in this morning with a big passenger list. Some of the arriving passengers are residents of Hawaii and Maui who have been selected to attend the officers' training camp at Schofield Barracks.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL

A son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cooke Soles of 1460 Kinau Lane.

Henry M. Bindt leaves in the Matsonia tomorrow for the mainland, to continue his studies at the California institute in Berkeley.

E. R. Cameron, federal special income tax agent, and L. N. MacComiskey of the local office of the internal revenue department, left in the Claudine yesterday afternoon for Maui, on official business.

Attorney Gen. Stainback has appointed as notaries public for Honolulu and Oahu, including the first judicial circuit, Mrs. Mary F. Buckland, Miss Josephine K. Stone and Attorney Hoon Wo Wong, all of this city.

Alfred J. Lafferty and Miss Florence M. Hickenbotham were married by the Rev. George Laughton, pastor of the First Foreign Church of Hilo, Hawaii. The marriage took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stone, Hilo.

Sergeant Charles Evans of Company D, Corps of Engineers stationed at Fort Shafter, received his commission as a second lieutenant in Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. He expects to be sent to the states on the next transport.

Fred K. Makino, Y. Murakami, H. Teurushima and Mr. Miyasawa representing the four Honolulu Japanese newspapers, left today for Kona, Hawaii, in the Kilauea. They will confer with the Japanese coffee planters in Kona.

Ingram M. Stainback, attorney-general of the territory, expects to leave in the Mauna Kea tomorrow morning for Hilo and will probably spend two weeks in the Big Island, attending to a number of tax appeals in East and West Hawaii.

B. G. Rivenburgh, land commissioner, and W. R. Hobby, superintendent of public works and chairman of the harbor board, who have been in Kauai the past week, will return in the Mauna Loa tomorrow from the Garden Island, it is expected.

In the presence of friends of the couple, Chas. Hebebrand and Mrs. Amelia Gomes Looney were married last Saturday by Rev. Leon L. Loobour, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Markle.

## GOVERNOR LOSES FIRST ROUND IN LIBEL SUIT CASE

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Following is Judge Heen's decision:

"The writing complained of in the information in the case at bar does not import defamation on its face. It appears to be a criticism of a speech concerning a matter of public interest made by a public official, and there is nothing in the information which charges that the criticism imputes or insinuates dishonorable motives on the part of the defendant.

"Every person has a right to comment on matters of public interest and general concern provided he does so fairly and with an honest purpose. Such comments are not libelous, however severe in their terms, unless they are written intemperately and maliciously. Every citizen has full freedom of speech on such subjects, but he must not abuse it. The general rule to be adhered to in criticizing or commenting upon matters of public interest is to confine the comments to the matter itself, and not to descend to personal attacks on private character or imputations of unworthy motives."—Newell on Slander and Libel, 3d. ed. p. 687.

"The title of the writing in question does not seem to be confined to the matter under criticism but seems to refer to the public official himself. However, there is nothing in the information by way of innuendo or otherwise which shows it to be defamatory.

"There being no allegation of extrinsic facts and no innuendo ascribing to the writing of any defamatory meaning, the court is compelled to hold that the information is insufficient and therefore sustains the demurrer.

"Wherever the words complained of are capable both of a defamatory and an innocent meaning, it will be a question for the jury to decide which meaning the hearers or readers would on the occasion in question have reasonably given to the words. An innuendo is essential to show the latent injurious meaning."—Newell on Slander and Libel, 3d. ed. p. 351."

### PERSONALITIES

E. J. TAIT, who is a passenger on the Makura, is a well-known theatrical man of Australia. He was formerly located in Honolulu.

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## THINKS U. S. TO LEASE OIL LAND IN CALIFORNIA

What is taken as governmental assurance that the different factions in congress have agreed to the leasing of the oil land in California, which has been a subject of controversy for the past two or three years, is what is causing the demand for the stock of the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co., which is reflected in the local stock market, says C. G. Heiser of the Trent Trust Co., who returned this morning from a trip to the coast where he has been since May 30. Mrs. Heiser and child returned with Mr. Heiser.

While away he visited the mines and plants of nearly all the oil stocks on the Honolulu Exchange. These included the plants and mines of Mineral Products, Montana-Bingham, Madera and Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co. It is of the Honolulu Consolidated that he speaks most optimistically.

"Favorable developments and assurance that the factions in congress have agreed upon the so-called oil land leasing bill have given the purchasers of oil stocks more confidence. If this becomes law and permits the leasing of the oil lands without eliminating all chance of eventually getting patents to it, it will be a great thing for the oil business of California," says Mr. Heiser.

Under the provisions of the oil land leasing bill, as proposed by Senator Phelan of California, the government would secure for the lease lands a one-eighth royalty on all the oil produced, and the balance would go to the companies operating the wells. Mr. Heiser emphasizes the fact that this bill will not prohibit the lessees from later securing patents to the lands. He thinks that with favorable congressional action on the lands in controversy the owners or lessees will make better and greater improvements, and hence increase the production. The increased demand for oil caused by war transportation is also aiding in the general increase in oil stocks, he says.

Mr. Heiser went as far east as Denver and took a long automobile trip through California. He also made a visit to Arizona.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today	Yester-
Alaska Gold	5 1/4	5 1/4
American Gold	104 1/2	104 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	118 1/2	121
American Tel. & Tel.	119 1/2	119 1/2
Anaconda Copper	75 1/2	76 1/2
Atchafalca	99	99 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	68 1/2	68 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	68 1/2	68 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	41 1/2	41 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	20	19
Canadian Pacific	159 1/2	160
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	66 1/2	66 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	48	48
Crucible Steel	80 1/2	81 1/2
Erie Common	23 1/2	23 1/2
General Electric	151	152
General Motors, New	111	113
Great Northern Pfd.	104 1/2	105 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	42 1/2	43
Kennecott Copper	61 1/2	61
Lehigh R. R.	83	84 1/2
New York Central	83	84 1/2
Pennsylvania	52 1/2	52 1/2
Ray Consol.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Reading Common	39 1/2	40
Southern Pacific	94	94 1/2
Studebaker	52	52 1/2
Texas Oil	189	188
Union Pacific	135 1/2	136 1/2
U. S. Steel	123 1/2	124 1/2
Utah	104	104 1/2
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## THINK BOARD HAS POWER TO STATE WHEN PAY BEGINS

Bourbon Supervisors Demand Opinion as to the Date on Which Fern's Appointees Begin to Receive Money

An opinion from the city attorney's department which is being looked forward with interest is whether the salaries of Mayor Fern's appointees, if confirmed by the board of supervisors, begin at the date of appointment or the date of approval or the date set by the board.

Supervisor McClellan raised the question at the Friday night meeting and the attorney's office was asked to bring in an opinion. The board meets again tonight and it is expected it will be ready then. From opinions already rendered by the city attorney and from men who have studied the situation, it is the general belief that the board alone has the power to say when salaries shall commence.

According to Deputy Attorney C. S. Davis, who has spent considerable time looking into the legal side of the squabble between the Republican and Bourbon members of the board, the mayor's appointees have no legal status until they receive the approval of the board.

As it was learned today that the Democrats are planning to take many of these problems to court to be settled, these opinions from the attorney's office, requested as they are by the Bourbons, are practically the preliminary skirmish.

Another opinion which has been requested is which positions the mayor has the power to fill and which the board.

## ALLEGED TRAFFICKER IN OPIUM ARRESTED

Lee Man alias Amama, a Chinese was brought to Honolulu from Hilo this morning by Deputy U. S. Marshal Silva and is booked on a charge of trafficking in opium. A commissioner's hearing of the case will be held

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a few times this week. While on the Big Island the deputy marshal arrested Lee Pong, Ahana and Mrs. Ah Lin alias Mrs. Ahana, all charged with trafficking in the poppy drug. They are now in custody in the Crescent City with bond fixed at \$500 in each case.

A bill has been presented to the Italian chamber by Signor Toscanelli to authorize the construction by the state railways of 12 hotels in Southern Italy and Sicily, with the object of opening up places of beauty and historical interest for tourist traffic.

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